



LACOSTE BORIE



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... "At Château Grand Puy Lacoste, I tasted with Xavier and his daughter Emeline Borie (pictured above) and was seated at my special desk over in the corner. "The warmth of the year comes through," Xavier opined. "It was very unusual to have such a warm June. I don't think it is quite up there with the 2010. It is more of a different style." This was another great wine from this estate. Its wines have traditionally been rather overlooked by cognoscenti: tannic and masculine in style as fashion swayed towards approachable, fleshier wines. By wisely staying true to their course, this structured and fresher style of Pauillac is now being appreciated more and more, and I am not the only writer singing its praises. As usual, it is a Pauillac for those who like traditional claret and have no qualms about laying bottles down for a number of years. That said, I find that the tannins are less brutish than in the 1990s or 2000s, therefore you could broach the 2015 after 8-10 years instead of 18-20 years." ...

2015 Lacoste-Borie (87-89)

The 2015 Lacoste-Borie is a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. It has a slightly muted bouquet, tobacco-tinged black fruit that gently opens in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannin, foursquare in the mouth with that tobacco theme continuing. Linear, a little aloof at the moment, I would hope that more flesh can come through towards the spicy finish that cuts away a little swiftly.